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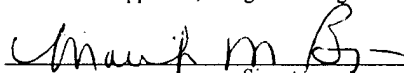
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2002, which sets a three-month period for response.

AMENDMENT

It is respectfully requested that the application be amended without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

In the Claims

1. (Amended) An ~~isolated~~ ^{Streptococcus} antibacterial protein isolated from ~~S. salivarius~~ strain K12, on deposit at Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen Und Zellkulturen GmbH, Braunschweig, Germany, accession number DSM 13084, which has a molecular mass of